



Wireless Institute of Australia

VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1998

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The annual VHF/UHF Field Day will be run on the weekend of **January 10/11, 1998**. The Ross Hull Contest will be in progress at this time and all contacts can be counted for both contests.

The overall duration of the Field Day is 28 hours, but operation is for any 6 or 24 consecutive hours within this period. The reason for the extra hours is to make it possible for 6 hour entrants to operate on the Sunday without having to be set up and ready by daybreak. Please feel free to give numbers to any station that asks, even if your 6 or 24 hour period has finished!

The 6 metre band was dropped last year, and there has been a strong demand for it to be reinstated. This has been done, but please note the frequency restriction: there must be no contest activity on 50.110 MHz or any other frequency below 50.150 MHz. The usual rule about DX calling frequencies on other bands still applies. A contest calling frequency of .150 on each band is suggested.

A further change is to allow contacts between home stations. Why not? The more activity the merrier.

Finally, two requests. To organisers of club stations: please don't forget to include the names and callsigns of all operators! And to all entrants, please enclose any comments and suggestions with your log.

Oh yes, now that I think of it, a third request. Head for the hills that weekend and have fun! Or stay at home if you prefer, but just get on the air and have fun.

Duration

VK6 only: 0300 UTC Saturday January 10 to 0700 UTC Sunday January 11.
All other call areas: 0000 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

Sections and Awards

Entrants may submit logs for one of the following sections:

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, 6 hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Home station, 24 hours.

The overall winner will be the highest all-band scorer in Section A. Awards will also be made to the highest scorer on each band in Section A, and the highest scorers in Sections B, C and D.

General Rules

Operation may be from any location, or from more than one location. You may work stations within your own locator square. Operation must be for any 6 or 24 consecutive hours. Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not allowed. A station is portable only if its equipment, including antennas, is transported to a location other than the normal home location of its operator.

No contest operation is allowed below 50.150 MHz. Recognised DX calling frequencies should not be used for contest exchanges or liaison.

One callsign per station, and one station per operator. If two operators set up a joint station, they may enter as a multi-operator station under a single callsign, or as separate single operator stations. Stations with more than two operators must enter section C.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If the station is moved to a new locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

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| 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | 13 cm | Higher |
| x 1 | x 4 | x 7 | x 10 | x 13 | x 16 |

Then total the scores for all bands.

Logs

For each contact: UTC time, frequency, station worked, serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged, points claimed.

The front sheet should contain names and callsigns of all operators; the postal address which applies to the callsign used; station location and Maidenhead locator; section entered, the period of operation to be scored; a scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Sample Scoring Table

| Band | QSO Points | | Locator Points | | Multiplier | | Total |
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| 2 m | 120 | + | 280 | | x 4 | = | 1600 |
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| etc. | | | | | | | ----- |
| Overall Total | | | | | | | 3000 |

Entries

Post logs to the Manager, VHF-UHF Field Day, PO Box 2175, Caulfield Junction Vic 3161. Logs must be received by Monday, February 9, 1998. Early logs would be appreciated.



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This year there were 31 logs from 29 entrants, the biggest turnout yet. It looks like the Field Day has established itself as a regular feature of the year's activity, and I hope that there will be even more activity next year.

Logs were received from most call areas. VK7 missed out this time, and VK6 was represented by only one station. But VK2 only managed three logs, in spite of having a larger amateur population than any other call area. Come on fellows - you may never be able to beat us Victorians, but you must be able to beat the crow-eaters and banana benders!

Four logs had to be rescored, but three of them ended up with an increased score. Check those sums! And don't forget to claim the grid square you are operating from.

Results

In the scoring table, the scores are given for each band with the QSO points first, followed in brackets by the number of locator squares worked.

In the 24 hour section, the winner this year is Ralph Edgar VK3WRE, and second place goes to Doug Friend VK4OE.

The winner of Section B is Steve Hutcheon VK4ZSH, who activated three different grid squares in the 6 hour period. Second and fifth places go to Barry Miller VK3TBM, who activated different squares on the two days.

There was a close tussle in the multi-operator section. First place again goes to the Geelong Amateur Radio Club, operating this year under the special callsign VI50G to mark the club's fiftieth anniversary. The GARC was followed closely by VK4IF, the Brisbane VHF Group, and VK1ACA, operated by Chris and Andrew Davis.

The results for Section D were even closer, with a narrow win to Charlie Kahwagi VK3KLO, closely followed by Max Pickering VK3TMP.

Congratulations to all entrants, especially to those who went out in the field for the first time this year. Special congratulations are also due to Wal Howse VK6KZ, for setting a new national 24 GHz record of 142.7 km during the Field Day.

Special Award

From time to time I make special awards to entrants who have braved the elements and continued operating in spite of being blown away, flooded out, sandblasted or otherwise tormented by the weather. This year's endurance award goes to Norm McMillan VK2XCI, who had to cut his operation short in the face of lightning strikes. This may have been due to the fact that he was perched on top of a disused copper mine!

Comments

The scores give some useful pointers for those wishing to work up a bigger score next time. The two best options are to add an extra band, or to go "roving" - i.e. to operate from more than one square. If you only have equipment for a couple of bands, roving is the obvious way to boost your score. If you operate on a number of different bands, roving is more difficult but you will boost your score with the extra bands instead.

Another point to comment on is 6 metres. This band was dropped from the Field Day in 1997 and reinstated for 1998. I kept a close eye on 50 MHz and did not hear any contest activity or exchanges below 50.150 MHz, and neither was any reported to me. Thanks to all participants for their considerate operating habits. It looks like the revised band plan has been accepted and the QRM problems of the past have hopefully been solved.

As for next year: the current rules are working well and there does not seem to be a need for major changes. But any suggestions or comments will be most gratefully received.

VHF-UHF Field Day 1998: Results

| Call | Name | Location | Grid | 50 MHz | 144 MHz | 432 MHz | 1.2 GHz | 2.4 GHz | 10 GHz | 24 GHz | TOTAL |
|--|-------------|---------------|------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| SECTION A - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 24 HOURS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3WRE | R. Edgar | Mt Skene | QF32 | 174 (10) | 992 (14) | 1071 (8) | 1040 (5) | - | - | - | 3277 |
| VK4OE | D. Friend | Herries Range | QG51 | 110 (8) | 536 (8) | 686 (6) | 710 (4) | 507 (2) | - | - | 2549 |
| VK2TWR | R. Collman | Eucumbene | QF43 | 64 (3) | 680 (10) | 847 (7) | - | - | - | - | 1591 |
| VK6KZ | W. Howse | (1) | QF79 | 33 (2) | 236 (4) | 245 (2) | 330 (2) | - | 368 (1) | 336 (1) | 1548 |
| VK4IS | K. Hanby | Caloundra | QG63 | - | 272 (2) | 427 (2) | - | - | - | - | 699 |
| VK5XY | C. Luke | Skye | PF95 | 22 (1) | 304 (5) | 364 (3) | - | - | - | - | 690 |
| VK3DQW | K. Asplin | Mt Thackeray | QF12 | 96 (7) | 464 (7) | - | - | - | - | - | 560 |
| VK2XCI | N. McMillan | Mt Hope | QF27 | Check log | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

SECTION B - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 6 HOURS

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------------|----------------|------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---|---------|---|------|
| VK4ZSH | S. Hutcheon | (2) | (2) | - | 212 (5) | 595 (7) | 740 (6) | - | - | - | 1547 |
| VK3TBM | B. Miller | Mt Hoogly | QF31 | 77 (5) | 340 (5) | 553 (5) | 510 (3) | - | - | - | 1480 |
| VK3AFW | R. Cook | Mt Donna Buang | QF22 | 90 (6) | 512 (9) | 581 (6) | - | - | - | - | 1183 |
| VK6KZ | W. Howse | (1) | QF79 | 33 (2) | 136 (2) | 238 (2) | 320 (2) | - | 336 (1) | - | 1063 |
| VK3TBM | B. Miller | Mt Oberon | QF30 | 21 (1) | 240 (4) | 392 (4) | 210 (1) | - | - | - | 863 |
| VK3KTO | M. Ide | Arthurs Seat | QF21 | 72 (4) | 376 (6) | 322 (3) | - | - | - | - | 770 |
| VK5AJS | J. Smedley | McLaren Vale | PF94 | 74 (5) | 228 (3) | 301 (2) | - | - | - | - | 603 |
| VK2ANK | N. Kefford | near Bigga | QF45 | - | 276 (4) | 147 (1) | - | - | - | - | 423 |
| VK1PK | P. Parker | Davidson Trig | QF44 | - | 224 (3) | - | - | - | - | - | 224 |

SECTION C - PORTABLE, MULTI OPERATOR, 24 HOURS

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-----------|---------------|------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---|---|------|
| VI50G | GARC (3) | Blue Mountain | QF22 | 334 (20) | 1248 (16) | 1372 (11) | 860 (4) | - | - | - | 3814 |
| VK4IF | BVHFG (4) | Mt. Mee | QG62 | 423 (30) | 1064 (7) | 959 (3) | 710 (4) | 377 (1) | - | - | 3533 |
| VK1ACA | (5) | Mt Ginini | QF44 | 139 (10) | 1064 (16) | 1533 (15) | 380 (2) | - | - | - | 3116 |
| VK5ARC | SCARC (6) | Louds Hill | PF94 | 174 (11) | 960 (11) | 924 (6) | - | - | - | - | 2058 |
| VK5AR | (7) | Kuitpo Forest | PF94 | 114 (8) | 836 (14) | 623 (6) | 350 (2) | - | - | - | 1923 |
| VK3ER | EMDRC (8) | Mt Hotham | QF33 | 209 (14) | 740 (12) | 728 (7) | 240 (1) | - | - | - | 1917 |

SECTION D - HOME STATION, 24 HOURS

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------------|--------------|------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---|---|---|------|
| VK3KLO | C. Kahwagi | Malvern | QF22 | 119 (7) | 772 (11) | 1078 (9) | 820 (4) | - | - | - | 2789 |
| VK3TMP | M. Pickering | Somerville | QF21 | 93 (5) | 972 (15) | 1029 (9) | 690 (3) | - | - | - | 2784 |
| VK3BDL | M. Goode | Black Rock | QF22 | 88 (5) | 732 (13) | 679 (6) | 430 (2) | - | - | - | 1929 |
| VK3CY | D. Clarke | Wedderburn | QF13 | - | 800 (13) | 910 (8) | - | - | - | - | 1710 |
| VK1WJ | W. Jurgens | Melba | QF44 | 91 (7) | 192 (3) | 245 (2) | - | - | - | - | 528 |
| VK5NY | R. Bowman | McLaren Vale | PF94 | 116 (9) | 240 (4) | 168 (1) | - | - | - | - | 524 |
| VK4PJ | P. Brown | Balmoral | QG62 | - | 244 (3) | 203 (1) | - | - | - | - | 447 |
| VK3JK | C. Gliddon | Dandenong | QF22 | 58 (4) | 276 (4) | - | - | - | - | - | 334 |

Notes

- (1) Jurien Bay Lookout; Pt Louise near Green Head
- (2) Kilcoy QG63; Bunya Mtns QG53; Wutul QG52
- (3) Geelong Amateur Radio Club: B. Gnaccarini VK3TU, C. Osborn VK3TUH, K. Jewell VK3AKK, L. de Vries VK3PK, J. Barrand K3DFL, C. Leone VK3BCL, L. Sim VK3ZLS, D. Learmonth VK3XLD, C. Gnaccarini VK3BRZ, G. Day VK3XGD.
- (4) Brisbane VHF Group: M. McIntosh VK4ZMM, P. Richens VK4FSD, E. Fittock VK4NEF, G. Ryan VK4AR, J. Morris VK4YOL.
- (5) C. Davis VK1DO, A. Davis VK1DA.
- (6) South Coast Amateur Radio Club: B. Bates VK5UBJ, S. Callow VK5HAP, M. Cook VK5ZMC, A. Fisher VK5HEY, T. Bates (SWL), S. Bates (SWL).
- (7) A. Raftery VK5AR, A. Russell VK5ZUC, J. Brayley VK5AJQ.
- (8) Eastern & Mountain District Radio Club: M. Chadwick VK3WT, C. Platt VK3KCP, A. Tubb VK3BF, B. Ackerley VK3YNG, A. Scammell VK3HDF, K. Bedford VK3HKB, J. Adams VK3PJA, J. Bramham VK3WWW, V. Punch VK3CKD



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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1998

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

Some months ago Rod Collman, VK2TWR, suggested that there should be a VHF-UHF Field Day in the springtime. There seems to be plenty of interest in the idea: certainly enough to justify running it as a trial. If it is a success, it could become a regular event in the contest calendar.

So this year there will be a Spring VHF-UHF Field Day on the weekend of November 14 and 15. It will be an ideal time to dust off that equipment, blow the earwigs out of your portable antennas, and spend a nice warm spring day on a hilltop.

The rules will be much the same as for the regular VHF-UHF Field Day which is held in January. Any comments on the rules or timing of this new Field Day would be most welcome.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday November 14 to 0400 UTC Sunday November 15, 1998.
All other call areas: 0200 UTC Saturday to 0200 UTC Sunday.

Sections and Awards

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, any 6 consecutive hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
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Contest Exchange

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Repeat Contacts

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Entries

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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1998: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The inaugural Spring Field Day went very well, especially considering that it was announced at very short notice. There were no multi-operator entries, probably for this reason. Once again VK3 dominated the logs, and again VK6 was conspicuous by its absence.

The logs reveal a number of contacts over 600 km, both on 2 metres and 70 cm. There were also some interstate contacts on 1296 MHz, and a total of 18 stations active on this band.

Half of the logs had to be re-scored, in most cases because entrants forgot to claim credit for the grid square they were operating in. Something to remember for next time!

Results

Speaking of remembering, Rod VK2TWR almost forgot to send his log in - strange because it was due to his efforts that the Spring Field Day became a reality! It is just as well that he eventually got around to it, because he is the overall winner. Congratulations Rod.

Coming a close second in Section A was Barry VK3BJM. The winner of Section B was Ralph VK3WRE by a big margin, and Max VK3TMP came first in Section D with an equally big margin. Congratulations all round, and also to all other entrants for making this inaugural Spring Field Day a success.

Comments

Some comments and suggestions from the logs:

"I found it harder to work stations on 6 than on 2. The multiplier should be the same for both bands".

"I did not hear anyone on FM".

"A good contest. Should be repeated, possibly a week earlier to avoid clashing with the ALARA contest".

"Early December might be a more reliable time for both weather and propagation".

Other suggestions were that the repeat contact limit should be two hours rather than three; that the duration should be any 24 consecutive hours out of 26; and that 6 metres should be dropped (here we go again)! Any comments on these points would be much appreciated.

Finally, here's nine months' advance notice of the next Spring Field Day. Mark your calendar now! Don't forget!

Spring VHF-UHF Field Day 1998: Results

| Call | Name | Grid | 50 MHz | 144 MHz | 432 MHz | 1.2 GHz | 2.4 GHz | TOTAL |
|--|----------------|------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| SECTION A - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 24 HOURS | | | | | | | | |
| VK2TWR | R. Collman | QF43 | 117 (8) | 832 (14) | 994 (9) | 430 (2) | - | 2373 |
| VK3BJM | B. Miller | QF23 | 85 (6) | 940 (16) | 777 (8) | 500 (3) | - | 2302 |
| VK4OE | D. Friend | QG50, QF59 | - | - | 336 (2) | - | 429 (1) | 765 |
| VK2XCI | N. McMillan | QF27 | - | 536 (10) | - | - | - | 536 |
| SECTION B - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 6 HOURS | | | | | | | | |
| VK3WRE | R. Edgar | QF31 | 88 (6) | 432 (6) | 651 (6) | 770 (5) | 299 (1) | 1720 |
| VK3AFW | R. Cook | QF33 | 80 (6) | 632 (12) | - | - | - | 712 |
| VK3KAI | P. Freeman | QF31 | - | - | 147 (1) | 220 (1) | 286 (1) | 653 |
| VK5ZUC | A. Russell | PF95 | 21 (1) | 172 (3) | 147 (1) | - | - | 340 |
| VK3YE | P. Parker | QF22 | - | 280 (4) | - | - | - | 280 |
| SECTION C - PORTABLE, MULTI OPERATOR, 24 HOURS | | | | | | | | |
| No entries. | | | | | | | | |
| SECTION D - HOME STATION, 24 HOURS | | | | | | | | |
| VK3TMP | M. Pickering | QF21 | 35 (2) | 544 (11) | 791 (9) | 330 (2) | - | 1700 |
| VK7JG | J. Gelston | QE38 | 36 (2) | 356 (4) | 252 (2) | 220 (1) | - | 864 |
| VK1WJ | W. Jirgens | QF44 | 51 (3) | 252 (4) | 371 (3) | - | - | 674 |
| VK3CAT | T. Middleditch | QF22 | 58 (4) | 388 (6) | - | - | - | 446 |
| VK4PJ/3 | P. Brown | QF22 | - | 184 (3) | - | - | - | 184 |

Numbers in brackets are the numbers of locator squares worked on each band.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1999

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Now that we also have a Spring VHF - UHF Field Day, I suppose we had better refer to the January event as the Summer VHF/UHF Field Day. The dates for the next one are the weekend of January 9 and 10, 1999. This corresponds to the last weekend of the Ross Hull Contest, and all contacts can be counted for both contests.

There are a couple of minor rule changes which have already been applied to the Spring Field Day. The duration used to be 28 hours, with operation for any 24 hours within that period. It is now a straight 24 hours. The starting time has been changed to allow more time for setting up and to reduce the difference between the starting times for VK6 and the eastern states.

To add some extra interest, there is another possibility for making some good contacts. The NZART has a summer field day - the Cliff Betson Memorial Contest - and this year it will take place on the same weekend as our Field Day.

Any comments on the rules would be welcome - either with your log or in the mail.

I hope you will be able to head for the hills for the Field Day. If not, you can still join in as a home station and make plenty of contacts. Don't forget! Mark those dates on your calendar now!

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The Summer Field Day was well supported again this year, although it is disappointing that there were no logs from VK2. There was only one log from VK6, but it has taken the prize.

Results

The winner this year is Wal Howse VK6KZ, who took out equipment for eight different bands and operated it from four locations. That is a lot of packing and unpacking.

And speaking of which, the top score in section B went to Peter Freeman VK3KAI, who activated three grid squares on four bands and also found time over the weekend to enter the home station section as well.

There were only two multi-operator entrants this time. The Geelong Amateur Radio Club has done it yet again, but VK5AR was not far behind. And in Section D, Des Clarke VK3CY has taken first place again.

Congratulations to those who won their sections, and to all entrants. It was good to see some new callsigns in the list this year. I hope you had a good time and I look forward to seeing your logs again next time.

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| VK6KZ | W. Howse | OF77,78,87,88 | 89 | 412 | 742 | 970 | 1053 | 1200 | 1024 | 1216 | 6706 |
| VK3WRE | R. Edgar | QF32 | 207 | 1264 | 1540 | 1200 | 273 | - | - | - | 4484 |
| VK5NC | T. Niven | QF02 | 59 | 700 | 399 | 580 | - | 512 | 336 | 544 | 3130 |
| VK3BJM | B. Miller | QF33 | 73 | 968 | 952 | 720 | - | - | - | - | 2713 |
| VK3EK | R. Ashlin | QF31,32,42 | 34 | 276 | 462 | 430 | 273 | 336 | - | 336 | 2147 |
| VK4OE | D. Friend | QG61 | - | 316 | 259 | - | 299 | - | - | 352 | 1226 |
| SECTION B - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 6 HOURS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3KAI | P. Freeman | QF21,30,31 | 85 | 496 | 539 | 210 | - | - | - | - | 1330 |
| VK5UE | C. Low | PF95 | 39 | 180 | 301 | - | - | - | - | - | 520 |
| VK5AIM | S. Mahony | PF95 | 39 | 180 | 294 | - | - | - | - | - | 513 |
| VK4LP | J. Lemura | QG62 | - | 458 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 458 |
| VK3YE | P. Parker | QF22 | - | 272 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 272 |
| VK4EV | R. Everingham | QG62 | - | 192 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 192 |
| SECTION C - PORTABLE, MULTI OPERATOR, 24 HOURS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3ATL | GARC (1) | QF21 | 78 | 992 | 1169 | 990 | - | - | - | - | 3229 |
| VK5AR | (2) | PF94 | 196 | 964 | 924 | 490 | - | - | - | 352 | 2926 |
| SECTION D - HOME STATION, 24 HOURS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3CY | D. Clarke | QF13 | - | 832 | 595 | - | - | - | - | - | 1427 |
| VK3KAI | P. Freeman | QF31 | 57 | 232 | 392 | 230 | - | - | - | - | 911 |
| VK3CAT | T. Middleditch | QF22 | 82 | 708 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 790 |
| VK5LP | E. Jamieson | PF94 | 47 | 232 | 231 | 220 | - | - | - | - | 730 |

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Comments

Looking at the logs for the last few years, it is clear that the growth area is the 6 hour section. It is ideal if you don't have portable beams or can't get away for the 24 hours. You can still get a good score by going mobile and spending time at several different locations.

The rules have stayed much the same for some years, but I feel that it is time for some adjustments to the band multipliers. The aim of the scoring is to provide reasonably equal scoring potential for all bands. If the band multipliers are too steep they can make it very hard for people who do not have microwave gear. That seems to be happening now, so I feel that some trimming of the band multipliers is in order.

As usual I would be grateful for any comments or suggestions.



Wireless Institute of Australia

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1999

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The next Spring VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on November 13 and 14, 1999.

The contest rules are much as the same as for previous VHF-UHF Field Days, but there are two changes. The times have been changed to take daylight savings time into account - something which I overlooked last year! The starting time will now be midday local time in most call areas.

The other change is an adjustment to the band multipliers to increase the incentive for stations operating only on the lower bands. The same band multipliers will also be applied to the Summer VHF-UHF Field Day and the Ross Hull Contest.

Please check the log requirements and make sure that you supply all the necessary information. Club stations, please note that I need the names and call signs of operators, printed legibly so that I can include them in the results lists and certificates. Signatures are not much help if I can't read them!

I hope you will be able to head for the hills for at least part of the Field Day weekend. If you can't manage to mount a full expedition, you might even consider just going for a nice long drive and activating a few grid squares on the way.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday November 13 to 0400 UTC Sunday November 14, 1999. All other call areas: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, any 6 consecutive hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Home station, 24 hours.

Single operator stations may enter both Section A and Section B. If the winner of Section A has also entered Section B, his log will be excluded from Section B.

If two operators set up a joint station, they may enter Section C under a single call sign, or sections A/B under separate call signs. Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C.

General Rules

One call sign per station. Operators of stations in Section C may not make contest exchanges using their own call signs. Operation may be from any location, or from more than one location. You may work stations within your own locator square. A station is portable only if its equipment, including antennas, is transported to a location other than the normal home location of its operator.

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Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If the station is moved to a new locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | Higher |
| x 1 | x 3 | x 5 | x 8 | x 10 |

Then total the scores for all bands.

Sample Scoring Table

| Band | QSO Points | | Locator Points | | Multiplier | | Total |
|---------------|------------|---|----------------|---|------------|---|-------|
| 6 m | 100 | + | 200 | x | 1 | = | 300 |
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| etc. | | | | | | | ----- |
| Overall Total | | | | | | | 840 |

Logs

For each contact: UTC time, frequency, station worked, serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged, points claimed.

The front sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section entered; a scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Entries

Please post logs to the Manager, Spring VHF-UHF Field Day, PO Box 2175, Caulfield Junction, Vic 3161. Logs must be received by Wednesday, December 1. Early logs would be appreciated.



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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1999: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Spring Field Day went off quite well. It is interesting that the six hour section is gaining support and this time it was much more popular than the full 24 hours.

It was good to see entries from three multi-operator stations that have not competed before.

Propagation was very ordinary. Knowing that the American Indians used to do rain dances, I tried to help things along by doing a propagation dance. Unfortunately it didn't seem to work - maybe I need dancing lessons.

The results show that the key to getting high scores is to use as many different bands as possible, or to operate from more than one square. This was demonstrated by Wal VK6KZ, who worked up the highest overall score by hopping between seven bands and four grid squares in only six hours.

A couple of comments from the logs:

"I tried to get a CW contact, but no luck".

Yes, CW doesn't seem to be the preferred mode for most VHF stations. The normal habit is to only use it when the going is tough. If more stations used CW they could probably pick up more of those distant grid squares.

"No-one we made contact with knew their grid locator."

The best way around this is to find a map with latitudes and longitudes marked on it. You can write in the grid squares and have it on hand when you go portable. There is nothing in the rules to prevent you from telling the other chap which square he is in.

Speaking of logs: I had a few problems this time with logs that needed to be re-scored, and one that had to be fully scored from scratch. I know the scoring isn't as simple as it could be - I'll try to find a way of simplifying it - but it is a great help if you can provide a scoring table along the lines of the sample that is included with the rules.

There is one other point that needs looking at. There were no logs from VK4, and I understand that the date of the Field Day clashes with the hamfest run by the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Club. It might help if the Field Day were shifted to the first weekend in November, rather than the second. Any other suggestions would be appreciated.

In conclusion, thanks and congratulations to the winners of each section, and to everyone who sent in a log. See you next time.

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SPRING FIELD DAY 1999: RESULTS

Numbers in brackets show the number of locator squares worked on each band.

| Call | Name | Locator(s) | 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | 12 cm | 6 cm | 3 cm | TOTAL |
|---|----------------|---------------|--------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5AR | A. Raftery | PF96 | 22 (1) | 396 (9) | 430 (6) | - | - | - | - | 848 |
| VK5UE | C. Low | PF85.86,95,96 | 91 (7) | 273 (7) | 465 (7) | - | - | - | - | 829 |
| VK5AIM | S. Mahony | PF85.86,95,96 | 91 (7) | 273 (7) | 465 (7) | - | - | - | - | 829 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK6KZ | W. Howse | OF77,78,87,88 | 73 (5) | 324 (7) | 520 (7) | 592 (5) | 660 (5) | 530 (4) | 650 (5) | 3349 |
| VK3KAI | P. Freeman | QF21,22,31,32 | 66 (5) | 294 (7) | 485 (7) | 520 (5) | 550 (4) | - | - | 1555 |
| VK3WRE | R. Edgar | QF31 | 59 (4) | 354 (8) | 455 (6) | 472 (4) | 550 (4) | - | - | 1477 |
| VK3JED | T. Langdon | QF22 | 29 (1) | 213 (4) | 260 (3) | 368 (3) | - | - | - | 870 |
| VK3CAT | T. Middleditch | QF22 | 42 (2) | 270 (6) | 315 (4) | - | - | - | - | 627 |
| VK3YE | P. Parker | QF22 | 39 (2) | 210 (3) | 230 (2) | - | - | - | - | 479 |
| VK7JG | J. Gelston | QE39 | 47 (3) | 201 (6) | 112 (2) | - | - | - | - | 360 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3ATL | GARC (1) | QF21 | 33 (2) | 672 (17) | 860 (13) | 624 (5) | - | - | - | 2189 |
| VK5SR | SERG (2) | QF02 | 34 (2) | 351 (8) | 310 (4) | 272 (2) | - | - | - | 967 |
| VK3AEF | (3) | QF03 | 32 (2) | 474 (10) | 425 (6) | - | - | - | - | 931 |
| VK3EM | (4) | QF23 | 58 (3) | 336 (7) | 345 (4) | - | - | - | - | 739 |
| VK2IBT | (5) | QF56 | 42 (2) | 243 (3) | 220 (2) | - | - | - | - | 505 |
| VK2FSC | FSC ARC (6) | QF43 | - | 363 (9) | - | - | - | - | - | 363 |
| Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3BDL | M. Goode | QF22 | 39 (2) | 585 (15) | 615 (9) | 408 (3) | - | - | - | 1647 |
| VK3BJM | B. Miller | QF22 | 63 (3) | 501 (10) | 535 (6) | 432 (3) | - | - | - | 1531 |
| VK2TWR | R. Collman | QF43 | - | 390 (11) | 590 (9) | 147 (1) | - | - | - | 1127 |
| VK3GK | L. Moyle | QF22 | 39 (2) | 312 (7) | 245 (2) | 328 (2) | - | - | - | 924 |
| VK3CY | D. Clarke | QF13 | - | 498 (12) | 375 (5) | - | - | - | - | 873 |
| VK3AL | A. Elliott | QF22 | - | 99 (2) | 180 (2) | 368 (3) | - | - | - | 647 |
| VK3CAT | T. Middleditch | QF22 | 45 (2) | 285 (6) | 270 (3) | - | - | - | - | 600 |
| VK5LP | E. Jamieson | PF94 | - | 165 (4) | 165 (2) | - | - | - | - | 330 |
| VK3DID | I. Godsil | QF22 | 27 (1) | 84 (1) | - | - | - | - | - | 111 |

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(4) L. Enriquez VK3EM, G. Sneddon VK3YY, C. Goetze VK3TXA.

(5) K. Standen VK2IBT, N. Bowden VK2HT, W. Thompson VK2MGE.

(6) Far South Coast ARC: P. Thomas VK2WPT, K. Bell VK2US, G. McDonald VK2FGM, C. Bell (SWL).



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2000

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on January 15 and 16, 2000. The contest rules are the same as for the 1999 Spring Field Day. Please note the couple of minor changes that were discussed in more detail on page 48 of October 1999 "Amateur Radio".

The next Field Day should provide plenty of opportunities. It will take place over the last weekend of the Ross Hull Contest, so there will be extra home stations there to work. And if you live in Tasmania or anywhere within reach of it, remember that any Field Day contacts can be counted for the new George Bass Diploma offered by WIA Victoria.

I would like to briefly repeat my request to club stations for the names and callsigns of operators, printed legibly so that I can read them!

I hope you will enjoy the next Field Day. I can guarantee that the weather will be good or bad, but either way you will still have a great time.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday January 15 to 0400 UTC Sunday January 16, 2000.

All other call areas: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Sections

A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.

B: Portable station, single operator, any 6 consecutive hours.

C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.

D: Home station, 24 hours.

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If two operators set up a joint station, they may enter Section C under a single callsign, or sections A/B under separate callsigns. Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C.

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Recognised DX calling frequencies must not be used for any contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator.

Repeat Contacts

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Scoring

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| | | | | |
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| x 1 | x 3 | x 5 | x 8 | x 10 |

Then total the scores for all bands.

Sample Scoring Table

| Band | QSO Points | | Locator Points | | Multiplier | | Total |
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| 6 m | 100 | + | 200 | x | 1 | = | 300 |
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| etc. | | | | | | | ---- |
| Overall Total | | | | | | | 840 |

Logs

For each contact: UTC time, frequency, station worked, serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged, points claimed.

The front sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section entered; a scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Deadline

Logs must be received by Monday, February 14, 2000. Early logs would be appreciated. Logs may be posted to: WIA VHF-UHF Field Day Manager, 3 Vernal Avenue, Mitcham, Vic 3132. Logs may also be e-mailed (in ASCII text form ONLY) to jmartin@xcel.net.au.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2000: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Summer Field Day was well supported, especially in Victoria where the number of logs equalled those in all other states combined. It is disappointing that three call areas were not represented at all this time.

In the single operator category, the six hour section continues to gain popularity at the expense of the 24 hour section. Several entrants commented that activity on Sunday morning was much lower than on Saturday.

It could be that people don't have as much spare time as they used to, or maybe it just gets lonely doing a full 24 hour stretch on your own. It could be worthwhile to change Section A to allow two operators to under under a single callsign.

One entrant pointed out that the definition of a portable station seems to allow mains powered operation as long as the location is away from home. In other words, it could be possible to operate portable from the convenience of someone else's shack. Good point. Some changes to the wording could be in order.

Several entrants raised the question of 6 metre scoring. One suggested that the scoring should be the same as for 2 metres, but another supported the existing scoring on the grounds that it is nearly as

good as not having 6 metres at all. There is not much chance of reconciling these two extremes.

Most of the logs were well presented as usual, but I had a few problems. Some logs had to be scored from scratch because they did not include a scoring table as shown in the rules. Please try to provide this table, because it helps me to get the job done far more quickly.

In conclusion, some congratulations are in order. First is Ralph VK3WRE, who won Section A and even managed to outscore all of the multi-operator stations.

Competition was very strong in Section B, with Peter VK3KAI winning by a neck. he must have been very busy, with five grid squares activated on five bands.

In Section C, the Geelong Amateur Radio Club won yet again. Are they invincible? Who will knock them off their perch?

In Section D, Charlie VK3KLO entered for the first time and marched straight into first place.

Congratulations to all other entrants for achieving very solid scores, even if they didn't come out on top.

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SUMMER FIELD DAY 2000: RESULTS

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|---|----------------|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3WRE | R. Edgar | QF31 | - | 822 (17) | 990 (12) | 984 (7) | 670 (5) | 220 (1) | 330 (2) | - | 4016 |
| VK2TWR | R. Colliman | QF44 | 112 (7) | 390 (7) | 585 (7) | 504 (4) | - | - | - | - | 1591 |
| VK3EK | R. Ashlin | QF42 | 82 (6) | 507 (11) | 510 (7) | 352 (3) | - | - | - | - | 1451 |
| VK5AR | A. Rafferty | PF97 | Check log | | | | | | | | |
| Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3KAI | P. Freeman | QF21,22,30,31,32 | 21 (1) | 372 (5) | 590 (5) | 816 (4) | 650 (1) | - | - | - | 2449 |
| VK3XPD | A. Devlin | QF21 | - | 336 (8) | 430 (6) | 568 (5) | 210 (1) | 330 (2) | 330 (2) | 210 (1) | 2414 |
| VK3KAB | D. Williams | QF21 | - | 336 (8) | 435 (6) | 560 (5) | 210 (1) | 330 (2) | 330 (2) | 210 (1) | 2411 |
| VK3AFW | R. Cook | QF22 | 80 (5) | 567 (13) | 480 (6) | - | - | - | - | - | 1127 |
| VK4OE | D. Friend | QG62 | - | 156 (3) | 250 (3) | 344 (3) | 210 (1) | - | - | - | 960 |
| VK3YE | P. Parker | QF22 | 34 (1) | 300 (4) | 365 (3) | - | - | - | - | - | 699 |
| VK2KU | G. Fletcher | QF56 | - | 297 (7) | 300 (4) | - | - | - | - | - | 597 |
| VK4EV | R. Everingham | QG62 | - | 186 (4) | 176 (1) | - | - | - | - | - | 362 |
| VK5UE | C. Low | PF95 | 36 (2) | 120 (2) | 190 (2) | - | - | - | - | - | 346 |
| VK5AIM | S. Mahony | PF95 | 36 (2) | 120 (2) | 190 (2) | - | - | - | - | - | 346 |
| VK4LP | J. Lemura | QG62 | - | 186 (4) | 115 (1) | - | - | - | - | - | 301 |
| VK2YJS | J. Sortland | QF56 | - | 102 (2) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 102 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3ATL | GARC (1) | QF22 | 214 (14) | 843 (17) | 1120 (14) | 1128 (8) | - | - | 210 (1) | 210 (1) | 3725 |
| VK5SR | SERG (2) | QF02 | - | 327 (8) | 405 (6) | 560 (5) | - | 330 (2) | 580 (4) | 550 (4) | 2752 |
| VK5ARC | SCARC (3) | PF94 | 61 (3) | 516 (9) | 490 (6) | - | - | - | - | - | 1067 |
| Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3KLO | C. Kahwagi | QF22 | 99 (5) | 609 (11) | 900 (10) | 784 (5) | - | - | - | - | 2392 |
| VK3BJM | B. Miller | QF22 | 82 (4) | 480 (9) | 625 (7) | 720 (5) | - | - | - | - | 1917 |
| VK3GK | L. Moyle | QF22 | 39 (1) | 324 (6) | 400 (4) | 472 (3) | - | - | - | - | 1235 |
| VK3CAT | T. Middleditch | QF22 | 89 (5) | 390 (7) | 370 (3) | - | - | - | - | - | 849 |
| VK2CZ | D. Burger | QF56 | - | 165 (3) | 250 (3) | 184 (1) | - | - | - | - | 599 |
| VK3CY | D. Clarke | QF13 | - | 180 (3) | 230 (2) | 176 (1) | - | - | - | - | 586 |

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Wireless Institute of Australia

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2000

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The next Spring VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on November 4 and 5, 2000. The date is a week earlier than in past years, in order to avoid clashes with other events including the Leonids meteor shower. There are no rule changes this time.

There are several ways of getting a good score in the Field Day. The first three are - as estate agents say - location, location and location. Adding an extra band will increase your number of contacts and your grid square total. Alternatively you can make significant scoring gains if you are able to hop between grid squares.

Please check the log requirements carefully. Every year some entrants forget to claim points for the grid squares they operated from, and some logs do not show clearly whether the grid square total includes the squares activated as well as the squares worked. It could be helpful to include a list of squares activated and worked for each band, as a reminder to claim the full score that you are entitled to.

A computer program is available which will convert between map co-ordinates and Maidenhead locator squares, and calculate the distance between stations. It can be obtained from the addresses given below.

Please also note the dates for the next Summer Field Day - January 13 and 14, with the same rules as below.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday November 4 to 0400 UTC Sunday November 5, 2000.

All other call areas: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Sections

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| etc. | | | | |
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Logs must be received by Friday, December 1, 2000. Early logs would be appreciated.

Reminder: Summer Field Day, January 2001

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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2000: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Spring Field Day was quite well supported, with a total of 26 logs. VK4 is back in the reckoning again, no doubt due to the change of dates to avoid the clash with the Gold Coast hamfest. The number of logs from VK5 has also increased, and VK5 stations are the winners in two of the four sections. It is also encouraging to see several new call signs in the list this time.

On the disappointing side, there was only log from VK7 and none from VK1 or VK6. But the most disappointing was VK2 - more amateurs than any other call area, but only one log!

All bands except 2.4 GHz were represented in the logs, and again the scores show that an extra band - or moving to another square - can boost the total by a very worthwhile amount.

The winners this time are **David Minchin VK5KK** in section A, **Colwyn Low VK5UE** in Section B, the **Geelong Amateur Radio Club** in Section C, and **Charlie Kahwagi VK3FMD** in Section D. Congratulations to all.

SPRING FIELD DAY 2000: RESULTS

| Call | Name | Locator(s) | 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 1.2 GHz | 3.4 GHz | 5.7 GHz | 10 GHz | TOTAL |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5KK | D. Minchin | PF85/86/95/96 | 126 | 411 | 590 | 800 | 970 | - | - | 2897 |
| VK5AIM | S. Mahony | PF85/86/95/96 | 121 | 399 | 580 | 800 | 930 | - | - | 2830 |
| VK3BJM | B. Miller | QF56/46/45/35/34 | 11 | 414 | 505 | 344 | - | - | - | 1274 |
| VK5AR | A. Raftery | PF94 | 57 | 297 | 290 | - | - | - | - | 644 |
| VK5ZUC | A. Russell | PF94 | 57 | 264 | 230 | - | - | - | - | 551 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5UE | C. Low | PF95/96/85/86 | 94 | 330 | 485 | 760 | 920 | - | - | 2589 |
| VK3DQW | K. Asplin | QF21 | - | 348 | 490 | - | - | - | - | 838 |
| VK4OE | D. Friend | QG63 | 33 | 150 | 200 | 192 | - | - | 230 | 805 |
| VK4AR | G. Ryan | QG62 | - | 108 | 105 | 168 | - | -- | 320 | 701 |
| VK4KZR | R. Preston | QG62 | - | - | 160 | - | - | - | 320 | 480 |
| VK2TWO | A. Scott | QF56 | 21 | 171 | 215 | - | - | - | - | 407 |
| VK3ANP | D. Waring | QF33 | 21 | 96 | 215 | - | - | - | - | 332 |
| VK7MO | R. Moncur | QE37 | 33 | 99 | 55 | - | - | - | - | 187 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3ATL | GARC (1) | QF21 | - | 564 | 825 | 768 | - | - | - | 2157 |
| VK3AEF | (2) | QF03/04 | 61 | 750 | 680 | 264 | - | - | - | 1755 |
| VK5AFO | (3) | PF95 | 68 | 291 | 275 | - | - | - | - | 634 |
| Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3FMD | C. Kahwagi | QF22 | 83 | 549 | 845 | 712 | - | 210 | - | 2399 |
| VK3BDL | M. Goode | QF22 | 96 | 492 | 570 | 328 | - | - | - | 1486 |
| VK3EK | R. Ashlin | QF32 | 66 | 261 | 365 | 384 | - | - | - | 1076 |
| VK3YB | P. Pavey | QF21 | 51 | 249 | 195 | 176 | - | - | - | 671 |
| VK3CY | D. Clarke | QF13 | - | 270 | 390 | - | - | - | - | 660 |
| VK4KZR | R. Preston | QG62 | - | 99 | 160 | 248 | - | - | - | 507 |
| VK4AR | G. Ryan | QG62 | 21 | 66 | 165 | 168 | - | - | - | 420 |
| VK3YE | P. Parker | QF22 | 24 | 273 | 115 | - | - | - | - | 412 |
| VK4DFE | C. Lowe | QG63 | 23 | 183 | 135 | - | - | - | - | 341 |
| VK3TRD | D. Rolfe | QF21 | Check log | | | | | | | |

- (1) Geelong Amateur Radio Club: D. Learmonth VK3XLD, L. Sim VK3ZLS, C. Gnaccarini VK3BRZ, L. Judd VK3TLJ.
 (2) J. Bywaters VK3AEF, W. Day VK3SWD.
 (3) D. Cavies VK5AFO, P. Hoffman VK5XPH.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2001

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on January 13 and 14, 2001. The rules are the same as for the Spring Field Day in November 2000.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday January 13 to 0400 UTC Sunday January 14, 2001. All other call areas: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Sections

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Contest Exchange

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Repeat Contacts

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Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | Higher |
| x 1 | x 3 | x 5 | x 8 | x 10 |

Then total the scores for all bands.

Sample Scoring Table

| Band | QSO Points | Locator Pts | Multiplier | Total |
|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| 6 m | 100 | + 200 | x 1 | = 300 |
| 2 m | 60 | + 120 | x 3 | = 540 |
| etc. | | | | |
| Overall Total | | | | = 840 |

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Logs must be received by **Friday, February 9, 2001**. Early logs would be appreciated.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2001: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Field Day went well, with a total of 27 logs. Of those logs, 17 were from VK3, so it looks like the dominance of VK3 is increasing! I think we need a major effort in other call areas to knock the VK3s off their perch.

It is interesting to see that the six hour section continues to grow at the expense of the 24 hour section. This raises the question of whether a change is needed. One suggestion was to have only one section for single operator stations, and to make the duration 8 or 12 hours.

This is worth considering, but it would have an impact on the 24-hour multi operator and home station sections, with far fewer stations available to work after the single operator stations had finished their time period.

Another suggestion was to introduce a six hour section for multi-operator stations. This sounds like a good idea. But putting it together with the suggestions above, another option could be eight hour sections for single and multi operator stations, plus the existing 24 hour multi operator and home station sections.

There were also a couple of suggestions for increasing the six metre scoring. I will think about it but I cannot see an easy solution. As with the Ross Hull Contest, this is a perennial problem. For everyone who wants higher 6 metre scores,

there are others who would rather see the band dropped altogether.

Now to the logs. Some needed re-scoring because the grid square totals were incorrect. Remember that you get ten points for each square you activate, plus ten for each square you work on each band.

One log contained contacts made with only one other station. This is within the rules but I wonder whether it needs changing.

Finally, on to the results. **Ralph Edgar VK3WRE** has taken out Section A again, and the top score in Section B goes to **Ken Brown, VK3DMW**. (See the benefits to be gained from using extra band or doing some grid hopping.)

In Section C, the **Geelong Amateur Radio Club** has done it again, and **Michael Goode VK3BDL** wins the home station section.

Congratulations to these winners, and to all entrants. I look forward to receiving your logs for the Spring Field Day in November, and the next Summer Field Day in mid-January next year.

In the meantime I would be grateful for any comments on the possible changes discussed above.

SUMMER FIELD DAY 2001: RESULTS

| Call | Name | Locator(s) | 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | 12 cm | 6 cm | TOTAL |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3WRE | R. Edgar | QF31 | - | 849 | 950 | 1008 | 890 | 320 | 4017 |
| VK3KAI | P. Freeman | QF42, 52, 53, 54 | - | 363 | 460 | 360 | - | - | 1183 |
| VK4OE | D. Friend | QG61 | - | 408 | 380 | 296 | - | - | 1084 |
| VK3AFW | R. Cook | QF11, 12, 21, 22 | 70 | 402 | 570 | - | - | - | 1042 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3DMW | K. Brown | QF21, 22, 31, 32 | - | 162 | 270 | 432 | 540 | - | 1404 |
| VK3BJM | B. Miller | QF23 | 24 | 381 | 540 | 192 | - | - | 1137 |
| VK3BRZ | C. Gnaccarini | QF21 | - | 447 | 630 | - | - | - | 1077 |
| VK3AFW | R. Cook | QF11, 12, 21, 22 | 70 | 369 | 570 | - | - | - | 1009 |
| VK7MO | R. Moncur | QE37 | 23 | 273 | 340 | 244 | - | - | 880 |
| VK3YE | P. Parker | QF21 | - | 357 | 275 | - | - | - | 632 |
| VK4LP | J. Lemura | QG62 | - | 207 | 310 | - | - | - | 517 |
| VK4EV | R. Everingham | QG62 | - | 204 | 310 | - | - | - | 514 |
| VK5AIM | S. Mahony | PF95 | 33 | 99 | 160 | 168 | - | - | 460 |
| VK5AR | A. Raftery | PF97 | - | 105 | 175 | 168 | - | - | 448 |
| VK3DQW | K. Asplin | QF12 | - | 330 | - | - | - | - | 330 |
| VK5UE | C. Low | PF95 | 22 | 99 | 105 | - | - | - | 226 |
| VK2EI | N. Sandford | QF68 | - | 132 | - | - | - | - | 132 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3ATL | Geelong ARC (1) | QF22 | 125 | 675 | 705 | 1000 | - | - | 2505 |
| VK3YY | (2) | QF22 | 108 | 420 | 550 | 448 | - | - | 1526 |
| VK5ARC | SCARC (3) | PF94 | 55 | 507 | 465 | - | - | - | 1027 |
| VK4IZ | Redcliffe ARC | QG63 | 48 | 171 | 225 | - | - | - | 444 |
| Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3BDL | M. Goode | QF22 | 79 | 519 | 640 | 704 | - | - | 1942 |
| VK3FMD | C. Kahwagi | QF22 | - | 279 | 410 | 464 | 220 | - | 1373 |
| VK3GK | L. Moyle | QF22 | 41 | 309 | 480 | 328 | - | - | 1158 |
| VK3AEF | J. Bywaters | QF03 | 27 | 330 | 500 | 168 | - | - | 1025 |
| VK3YB | P. Pavey | QF21 | 46 | 291 | 320 | - | - | - | 657 |
| VK3CY | D. Clarke | QF13 | - | 123 | 115 | - | - | - | 238 |

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- (3) South Coast Amateur Radio Club: S. Callow VK5PCY, B. Bates VK5KBJ.
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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2001

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The next Spring VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on the weekend of November 3 and 4, 2001.

I have not made any rule changes this time but I would appreciate your comments on several questions:

1. The 6 hour single operator section is now far more popular than the 24 hour section. Should the 24 hour section be dropped, reduced to say 12 hours, or left as it is?
2. Should there be a six hour section for multiple operator stations?
3. Lately the biggest scores have gone to grid-hopping ("rover") stations because of the bonus points for each square activated. It is possible to win the contest with a comparatively small number of contacts as long as you stay on the move. Should the locator grid points be reduced, or are you happy with the existing scoring?

I have only received a few comments on these points so far, and they have fallen equally on both sides of the fence. So over to you - please include some comments with your log.

Dates

November 3 and 4, 2001.

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0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Duration in VK6 only:

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| 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | Higher |
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Then total the scores for all bands.

Scoring Table

Please use the following format for your table. In this sample the operator has operated from one locator and worked four locators on each band:

| Band | Locators Activated (10 points each) | + | Locators Worked (10 points each) | + | QSOs (1 point each) | x | Multiplier | = | Band Total |
|---------------|---|----------|--|----------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 6 m | 10 | + | 40 | + | 40 | x | 1 | = | 90 |
| 2 m | 10 | + | 40 | + | 30 | x | 3 | = | 240 |
| 70 cm | 10 | + | 40 | + | 20 | x | 5 | = | 350 |
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Reminder: Summer Field Day, January 2002

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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2001: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

| Call | Name | Locator(s) | 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | 12 cm | 9 cm | 6 cm | 3 cm | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5AIM | S. Mahony | PF94, 95 | 52 | 171 | 275 | 500 | - | - | - | - | 998 |
| VK5ZUC | A. Russell | PF94 | - | 171 | 280 | - | - | - | - | - | 451 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3WRE | R. Edgar | QF31 | - | 189 | 305 | 488 | 330 | 450 | - | 320 | 2082 |
| VK3KAI | P. Freeman | QF21, 22, 31, 32 | - | 261 | 405 | 472 | - | 440 | - | 210 | 1788 |
| VK5ADE | S. Cameron | PF94, 95 | 51 | 165 | 265 | 376 | - | - | - | - | 857 |
| VK5UE | C. Low | PF94, 95 | 47 | 153 | 245 | 376 | - | - | - | - | 821 |
| VK3YE | P. Parker | QF21 | 36 | 300 | 210 | - | - | - | - | - | 546 |
| VK3PC | J. Linton | QF22 | - | 105 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 105 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3ATL | GARC (1) | QF21 | - | 504 | 670 | 848 | - | - | - | 450 | 1862 |
| VK3AEF | (2) | QF03 | 58 | 417 | 585 | 376 | - | - | - | - | 1436 |
| VK5BAR | AHARC (3) | PF95 | - | 140 | 80 | - | - | - | - | - | 240 |
| Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3FMD | C. Kahwagi | QF22 | 41 | 474 | 600 | 784 | 340 | 340 | 210 | 210 | 2999 |
| VK3TMP | M. Pickering | QF21 | 38 | 396 | 455 | 560 | - | - | - | 230 | 1679 |
| VK3YB | P. M. Pavey | QF21 | 54 | 297 | 310 | 424 | - | - | - | - | 1085 |
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Two logs were re-scored. One had counted a repeat contact which had been made too soon, and the other claimed some contacts which had been made after the expiry of the six hour operating period.

Sincere thanks to Mark Detering VK3TLW for assistance in checking the logs.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2002

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on the weekend of January 12 and 13, 2002. The rules are the same as for the last Spring Field Day.

Please remember that I would appreciate comments on several questions I raised when publicising the rules for last November's Field Day. There are:

- Should the 24 hour single operator section be shortened?
- Should there be a six hour multi-operator section?
- Is the scoring advantage of "grid hoppers" too high?

I would be grateful to receive comments on these or any other points with your log.

Dates

January 12 and 13, 2002.

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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2002: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Summer Field Day is becoming steadily more popular, especially the 6 hour section. The 24 hour single operator section is losing support, although there seems to be agreement that it should not be abolished. Many entrants have commented that 24 hours is too long, but 6 hours is too short.

Two alternatives have been suggested - 8 hours and 12 hours, and I am inclined to prefer 12 hours. An 8 hour stretch isn't much longer than 6 hours, and for most people it would still mean staying overnight, so we might as well make it 12 hours. To make it more flexible, the 12 hours could be in one continuous block or in two six-hour periods. That would allow anyone to do a full Saturday, or they could start late or finish early on the Saturday and make up the other 6 hours on the Sunday.

There is also some support for a 6 hour multi-operator section. I will have to think about this because it would mean that there would be five sections in the contest rather than the existing four.

The other issue is the grid-hopping bonus. It can give a major advantage but could discourage some entrants who don't wish to pull up sticks and keep moving to get a good score. I think the bonus is a good idea but it may need to be reduced a little.

There were also a couple of other suggestions about the 6 metre scoring - some say it is too low, and others would rather see it dropped to zero. There was also a suggestion that there should be a CW section. I think I will pass on this one because it would mean yet another section, and in any case CW provides its own rewards by allowing extra contacts that can't be made with other modes.

If you have comments on any of these ideas, please write or e-mail to jmartin@xcel.net.au.

Turning now to the logs, much of the score checking was done by Mark VK3TLW - thanks Mark. Some logs needed to be re-scored or didn't provide all of the necessary information - for example addresses or postcodes, or the full names of all of the operators. But the main problem is the grid square points. Remember that you can claim ten points for each square you activate, plus ten for each square you work on each band. But each square you work can only be counted once, no matter how many squares you have worked it from.

The scoring system is rather complex, so to make it easier I have prepared a pro-forma scoring table. A copy has been mailed to all entrants, and it will also be posted on the WIA Federal web site.

Finally, the results. The overall winner this year is **Barry VK3BJM**. First place in Section B goes to **Peter VK3KAI**. In the multi-operator section, the **GARC** has done it yet again, and the top home station was **Charlie VK3FMD**. Congratulations to all.

SUMMER FIELD DAY 2002: RESULTS

| Call | Name | Locator(s) | 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | 12 cm | 9 cm | 3 cm | TOTAL |
|---|---------------|------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3BJM | B. Miller | QF13 | 67 | 807 | 715 | 640 | - | - | - | 2229 |
| VK3AEF | J. Bywaters | QF03 | 33 | 483 | 655 | 368 | - | - | - | 1599 |
| VK5KBJ | B. Bates | PF95 | 39 | 570 | 435 | - | - | - | - | 1044 |
| VK5AR | A. Raftery | PF92, PF93 | 21 | 426 | 570 | - | - | - | - | 1017 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3KAI | P. Freeman | QF21, 22, 31, 32 | 21 | 237 | 385 | 432 | 320 | 320 | 430 | 1887 |
| VK5MX | M. Millar | PF85, 86, 95, 96 | 97 | 333 | 555 | 792 | - | - | - | 1777 |
| VK5UE | C. Low | PF85, 86, 95, 96 | 95 | 336 | 550 | 784 | - | - | - | 1765 |
| VK3AXH | I. McDonald | QF12 | 408 | 625 | 384 | - | - | - | - | 1417 |
| VK3YE | P. Parker | QF22 | 48 | 384 | 560 | - | - | - | - | 992 |
| VK3UPS | C. Sturgeon | QF22 | 49 | 378 | 565 | - | - | - | - | 992 |
| VK3HZ | D. Smith | QF22 | - | 345 | 430 | - | - | - | - | 775 |
| VK5AIM | S. Mahony | PF95 | 25 | 126 | 200 | 192 | - | - | - | 543 |
| VK4OE | D. Friend | QG53 | - | 96 | 160 | 168 | - | - | - | 424 |
| VK4LP | J. Lemura | QG62 | - | 123 | 195 | - | - | - | - | 318 |
| VK4EV | R. Everingham | QG62 | - | 102 | 195 | - | - | - | - | 297 |
| VK2EI | N. Sandford | QF68 | - | 243 | - | - | - | - | - | 243 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3ATL | GARC (1) | QF21 | 91 | 888 | 985 | 1040 | - | - | 210 | 3214 |
| VK3BEZ | EZRC (2) | QF31 | 33 | 267 | 395 | 424 | 370 | 350 | 470 | 2309 |
| VK3EK | EGARC (3) | QF32 | 46 | 471 | 565 | 520 | 210 | - | - | 1812 |
| VK5OQ | (4) | PF95 | 28 | 123 | 190 | 240 | - | - | - | 581 |
| Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3FMD | C. Kahwagi | QF22 | 75 | 618 | 845 | 944 | 210 | 210 | - | 2902 |
| VK3BDL | M. Goode | QF22 | 84 | 639 | 840 | 736 | - | - | - | 2299 |
| VK3AUI | G. Sones | QF22 | 67 | 306 | 460 | 392 | - | - | - | 1225 |
| VK5GN | M. Luther | PF95 | 35 | 150 | 180 | - | - | - | - | 365 |
| VK3VP | I. Godsil | QF21 | 35 | 120 | - | - | - | - | - | 155 |
| VK3TRD | D. Rolfe | Check log | | | | | | | | |

- (1) Geelong Amateur Radio Club: C. Gnaccarini VK3BRZ, D. Learmonth VK3XLD, C. Leone VK3BCL, K. Jewell VK3AKK.
 (2) Eastern Zone Radio Club: R. Edgar VK3WRE, B. Young VK3BBB, G. Francis VK3HV, K. Brown VK3DMW.
 (3) East Gippsland Amateur Radio Club: I. Foster VK3ST, P. Maskrey VK3HBR, D. Pendergast VK3DMP, M. Stanford VK3VLR, R. Ashlin VK3EK
 (4) K. Gooley VK5OQ, J. Sayers VK5JQ, K. Thole VK5HKT.



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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2002

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The Spring VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on the weekend of November 2 and 3, 2002.

Responses to my request for comments on the rules indicate majority support for leaving the rules unchanged. There was some support for extending the 6 hour section, but a clear majority preferred it to stay at 6 hours. As for the grid-hopping bonus, nobody suggested that it should be reduced.

The only change that received general support was the idea of a 6 hour multi-operator section, to cater for groups that would like to head for the hills but cannot manage a full 24 hour stretch. So this will be included on a trial basis for the Spring Field Day and for the next Summer Field Day in January. I hope it will allow more operators to join in.

Dates

Saturday and Sunday November 2 and 3, 2002.

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Duration in VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

Sections

A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.

B: Portable station, single operator, 6 hours.

C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.

D: Portable station, multiple operator, 6 hours.

E: Home station, 24 hours.

Single operator stations may enter both Section A and Section B. If the winner of Section A has also entered Section B, his log will be excluded from Section B. The same applies to the winner of Section C if the station has also entered Section D.

General Rules

A station is portable only if all of its equipment is transported to a place which is not the normal location of any amateur station. Operation may be from any location, or from more than one location. You may work stations within your own locator square. Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not permitted.

One callsign per station. If two operators set up a joint station with shared equipment, they may choose to enter Section A or B as separate stations under their own callsigns, or Section C or D under a single callsign. If they enter Section A or B, they may not claim contacts with each other. Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make any contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign.

No contest operation is allowed below 50.150 MHz. Recognised DX calling frequencies must not be used for any contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up if necessary.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If the station is moved to a new location in a different locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each locator square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | Higher |
| x 1 | x 3 | x 5 | x 8 | x 10 |

Then total the scores for all bands.

Logs

Logs should cover the entire operating period and include the following for each contact: UTC time, frequency, station worked, serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged, points claimed.

Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the names and call signs of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section(s) entered; the scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Please use the following format for your scoring table. In this example the operator has operated from one locator and worked four locators on each band:

| Band | Locators Activated (10 points each) | + | Locators Worked (10 points each) | + | QSOs (1 point each) | x | Multiplier | = | Band Total |
|---------------|---|----------|--|----------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 6 m | 10 | + | 40 | + | 40 | x | 1 | = | 90 |
| 2 m | 10 | + | 40 | + | 30 | x | 3 | = | 240 |
| 70 cm | 10 | + | 40 | + | 20 | x | 5 | = | 350 |
| Overall Total | | | | | | | | = | 680 |

A sample cover sheet has been posted on the VK-VHF e-mail reflector, and copies can also be obtained from the e-mail address given below.

Entries

Paper logs may be posted to the Manager, Spring VHF-UHF Field Day, 3 Vernal Avenue, Mitcham, Vic 3132. Electronic logs can be e-mailed to jmartin@xcel.net.au. The following log formats are acceptable: ASCII text, MS Office RTF, DOC, XLS or MDB. If you use Office 2000, please save the files in Office 97 format.

Logs must be received by **Monday, November 25, 2002**. Early logs would be appreciated.

Reminder: Summer Field Day, January 2003

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will be held on January 11 and 12, 2003.



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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2002: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

| Call | Name | Locator(s) | 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | 12 cm | 9 cm | 6 cm | 3 cm | TOTAL |
|---|---------------|------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3AFW | R. Cook | QF32 | 45 | 534 | 600 | - | - | - | - | - | 1179 |
| VK4OE | D. Friend | QG50, 51, 60, 61 | - | 282 | 455 | - | - | - | - | - | 737 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3KAI | P. Freeman | QF21, 22, 31, 32 | 32 | 387 | 455 | 440 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 430 | 2704 |
| VK3AXH | I. McDonald | QF12 | - | 405 | 425 | 280 | - | - | - | - | 1110 |
| VK7MO | R. Moncur | QE37 | - | 345 | 485 | 160 | - | - | - | - | 990 |
| VK3KME | C. Morley | QF21, 22, 31, 32 | 43 | 264 | 385 | 256 | - | - | - | - | 948 |
| VK3AFW | R. Cook | QF32 | 45 | 414 | 365 | - | - | - | - | - | 824 |
| VK4OE | D. Friend | QG51, 60, 61 | - | 216 | 345 | - | - | - | - | - | 561 |
| VK5ZMH | R. Mitchell | PF94, 95, 96 | 22 | 210 | 295 | - | - | - | - | - | 527 |
| VK3JS | I. Godsil | QF21 | 56 | 183 | 175 | - | - | - | - | - | 414 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3ATL | (1) | QF21 | 49 | 468 | 540 | 904 | 620 | 320 | 210 | 210 | 3321 |
| VK3EGC | (2) | QF42 | 54 | 606 | 500 | 592 | - | - | - | - | 1752 |
| VK3AEF | (3) | QF04 | 21 | 252 | 225 | 256 | - | - | - | - | 754 |
| Section D: Multi Operator, 6 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3BEZ | (4) | QF31 | 47 | 291 | 415 | 456 | 540 | 540 | 430 | 450 | 3189 |
| VK3XPD | (5) | QF21 | 34 | 279 | 430 | 536 | 440 | 430 | 430 | 440 | 3019 |
| VK3APC | (6) | QF22 | 38 | 339 | 295 | - | - | - | - | - | 672 |
| Section E: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3FMD | C. Kahwagi | QF22 | - | 513 | 705 | 792 | 460 | 330 | 210 | 210 | 3220 |
| VK3RS | A. Sutcliffe | QF32 | 27 | 78 | 130 | 200 | - | - | - | - | 435 |
| VK5HKT | K. Thole | PF95 | - | 126 | 200 | - | - | - | - | - | 326 |
| VK3VB | P. Pavay | QF12 | 22 | 222 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 244 |
| VK4EV | R. Everingham | QG62 | - | 32 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32 |

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- (4) Eastern Zone ARC: J. Morrissey VK3ZRX, J. Collins VK3ZYC, R. Edgar VK3WRE.
- (5) A. Devlin VK3XPD, B. Miller VK3BJM, D. Williams VK3KAB.
- (6) Moorabbin & District RC: P. Parker VK3YE, C. Long.

Thanks to all stations who sent in a log, and congratulations to all for their efforts and very good scores. Of particular note this time is the very high score of VK3BEZ - nearly as many points in 6 hours as VK3ATL scored in 24. The 6 hour multi operator didn't attract as many logs as I had expected, and it will be interesting to see what happens with this new section in January.

Now some statistics on participation. To get an idea of the total number of active stations, I added up all of the different callsigns appearing in all of the logs. The figures are below, and I think they speak for themselves!

| Call Area | 6 m | 2 m | 70 cm | 23 cm | 12 cm | 9 cm | 6 cm | 3 cm |
|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| VK1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VK2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VK3 | 24 | 76 | 36 | 20 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| VK4 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VK5 | 2 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VK6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VK7 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |